

# EGG NOG

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(...is the Editor's Column, which this issue is most of the reading matter of the issue. So read it or ignore it.)

This was a John Mayall album of 1969 vintage, which was for him a sort of turning point. Mayall has been, since 1965 (sic) and advocate of blues. His bands over the years have included the Very Best musicians, and the list looks like a Who's Who in British rock. Mayall has never had a real legitimate hit yet, but continued more for the sake of the art, and seems to be having no bad financial problems...

Several people wrote in expressing interest in this project. I should warn all prospective readers that this 'zine wouldn't present the ratings themselves, but would merely discuss them, and would essentially be letters in and letters out on what makes games rateable, irregular, etc. For some it can be very

interesting, but for others, it can be in interminable bore. As it happens, the thing won't get off the ground for another half month at least. When that happens, and the first newsletter is put out, all parties who expressed an interest will be sent the first issue. If they wish to continue receiving it, they will have to pay some sort of subscription fee, which the members of the Commission won't have to pay. We'll cross that bridge when we come to it, of course.

None are open any longer, for whatever fee you may offer. (But keep trying!) In POLITICIAN the Youngstown game is still only a few heads short. Maps and rules provided if you send your \$2 fee and sub to POLITICIAN, which is 10/43.50. In the last issue of POLITICIAN, a new variant of mine was printed, Royal Diplomacy.

I'd like to get rid of some old back issues of my 'zines and some of the games that are just sitting around the house gathering dust. Of the three games, two of them I never took the time to learn how to play. The zines are going for \$5 each, and I normally sells them in exactly the same condition for \$10 or \$15, so jump now, while you can. I am a South African (anti-apartheidism), the Siege of Mafeking

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1977KG -- Spring 1908 -- Draw Passes

(Ben Schilling also changed addresses for the holidays, but since it was only for 5 days he didn't tell me -- so it was really five SOA's for five players!)

USA (Lariton): F Gre H, A Boh-Mun, A Tyl S A Boh-Mun, A Ukr-Mos, A Dev S (Ukr-Mos, a Rum-Ukr, A Gal-War, A Vie-Boh

ENGLAND (Hollingsworth): F Nwg H, F Nat & F Iri S GERMAN F Mid

FRANCE (Verheiden): F Mid H, F Bre S F Mid, A Bur-Mar, A Gas S A Bur-Mar, A Ruh S A Mun, A Mun & A Her S A Sil, A Pru & A Sil S RUSSIAN A Mar, F Nwy H

ITALY (Schilling): A Pie S F Mar, A Spa-Gas, A Ven H, F Aeg H, F Ion H, F Lvo-Spa(sc), F Mar K, F Naf & F Por S F Wes-Mid, F Wes-Mid  
RUSSIA (Cooper): A War S GERMAN A Sil, A StP S A Mos, A Mos S A War

The five-way draw has passed unanimously, and the game thus ends. I want to thank all of the players for playing an interesting game (or the early part, at least...), and congratulate all of them on the draw vote.

#### THE WRAP-UP OF GAME 1977KG SUPPLY CENTER CHART

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	
Ang:	3	3	5	6	7	7	8	8	(drew S06)
Eng:	3	4	4	3	4	4	3	3	(drew S08)
Fra:	3	3	3	1	-	-	-	-	
Ger:	3	6	6	8	10	10	10	10	(drew S08)
Ita:	3	6	6	7	9	10	10	10	(drew S08)
Rus:	3	6*	6*	6	3	3	3	3	(drew S06)
Ukr:	3	3	4	3	1	-	-	-	

over the years, its units were also all over the board, and could not hope to stop Italy and Austria singlehandedly. Had the I-A duo failed apart at that time, Germany could have won, because he would have been surrounded by broken countries, most of which could have been Germanized. However, the A-I pair stuck together like glue, and so Germany (and the other two surviving countries) had only one choice, that being a stalemate line. That line was reached fairly early on, as most stalemated games go, and the rest of the game was devoted entirely to waiting for all members to either vote for the three way G-A-I draw or for the full five way draw. Since England and Russia were both necessary to keeping up that particular line (though Russia could have been omitted, and A-I still held off before Stk. with slight loss of German ground), Germany and England insisted that the draw be five way, and vetoed all else -- from then on it was a matter of time before the final vote took place. (Other statements, if any, must wait.)

Game 1977KG

Line: The Pouch (to F02),  
 SWLABR (to S05),  
 EGGNOC

Gamesmaster: Gil Meiger (to F02),  
 Konrad Baumeister

Austria: Mike Lariton (drew S08)

England: Paul Clement (drew S02),  
 Doug Hollingsworth (drew 08)

France: Fred Winter (drew S03),  
 Phil Harding (out F04)

Germany: David Wen (drew F02),  
 Raymond B. Heuer (drew S02),  
 Eric Verheiden (drew S08)

Italy: Ben Schilling (drew S08)

Russia: Tad Lawrence (drew W02),  
 Phil Cooper (drew S08)

Turkey: Gregg Houghland (drew S01),  
 Ron Kelly (out F05)

This game was transferred from my orphanazine, SWLABR, to EGGNOC, because starting POLITICIAN who is running both SWLABR and EGGNOC at the same time, in conjunction with my other hobby duties, would have been too much. I must thank many of the original players for sticking with the game through the transfer from The Pouch to SWLABR in the first place. Center Chart follows.

CAT-TASTROPHE 49 Jan 1, 1980

This is a genuine CAT-TASTROPHE. Beware of imitations! Only a genuine CAT-TASTROPHE will carry 1979 (a catastrophe in, and of itself), edited press, Dear Crabby, plus various and sundry other garbage from the typewriter of one Dave White, 560 S. 11th St., Beaumont, TX 77705. If you have the wild urge to call me up to discuss the weather, the price of tea in China, the Iranian crisis, or maybe even turn in your moves, try (713) 835-2325 on Tuesdays between 4pm and 10pm CST.

THE GREYER DOG COLLIER RELATIVELY THAT TANGEROUSLY TINKLE ABOUT MOVING SOME PLACE WARMER LIKE SAY COLORADO!

On the Top of My Head--ed.'s column

(1) This month's Golden Flea Award goes to--ME! I mistakenly credited England with BEL when it actually belonged to Germany. Everybody noticed it, though, so the game will proceed aware.

(2) Surprised, surprised! I've finally got a couple of people interested in my portal 'Assassins'. I was about to scrap the whole project, but if I can get just a couple more people, I can get this thing off the ground. NO game fee--your only cost will be postage to send your moves in. The winner will receive a free entry into the next game. The next game (providing I ever get this first game going) will be a sort of "diplomatic" Westminster--I will publish the names and addresses of all playing. This will allow you to cooperate or/and coordinate your guesses. However, as in Dip, there will be nothing to bind you to tell the truth or uphold anything you say--could be quite hairy!

(3) I will be gone to Florida for the Patt-Futt convention and also to see my grandparents from about 1/20 to 2/3. Therefore, (a) it is NOT advisable to call in your moves for this month deadline and (b) this is why I will not answer your cards and letters 'come right away'. I won't be in any one place long enough to receive mail there, so send stuff here and be patient.

THE ONLY THING GOING WITH MY HIGH COST OF LIVING IS THAT I HIGHER COST OF DYING WITH MY LUCK I WILL PROBABLY LIVE!!!

1979: FRANCE MOVED OF SLEEPING SICKNESS, BUT AUSTRIA CATCHES IT! Autumn/Winter '02

AUSTRIA (Rubinstein/NPR) has home centers--GM removes F GRE, A RUM, A ALB OTB

ENGLAND (Dupont) has 6, not 7; builds A LPL

France (Jolly) retreats F MAC-PCR, builds F BRE, A PAR

Germany (Lancet) has 8, not 7; builds F KIR, A BER

Italy (Corn) builds F MAP

Norway (Ediet) still controls BUL, builds A CON, F SAN, A ANK

RUSSIA

USA: A /teet occasionally, is far superior to a cup of tea for my nerves.

(10) Balkanization of the lowlands bill, which had its 2nd reading... ((don't next month))

(11) ((new press))... debate raged over and under and about and underarms skimb...

(12) I don't know what happened to Helena and Vic says that he wants to leave so,

Crabby for America: Joe Luckenbill, 1101 W. 10th St, Phoenix, AZ 85006

Crabby for England: Bob Kluge, 9521 Craigwood Park, St. Louis, MO 63106

Deadline for Spring '03 moves is February 2, 1980.

REPTILES: I DON'T REMIND IT IF YOU THINK OF A SNAPE LINEAR AS PAR FOR ANGE GET IT TO A POINT WITH THE LINE

as Crabby--Advice to Dip players and other poor schmucks

and CRABBY. I am in a game where someone has proposed a noble concession to a gringo

not even playing in the game! We're supposed to vote next issue. What should I do?

and BELIEVE ME

and CAN'T. I've seen that game. Go ahead and vote for the concession--the guy just for

believing to me played much better than anyone else in the game.

and CRABBY. I'm playing a game as Russia. At one time or another I have been attacked

by England, Austria, Turkey, and Germany. Gaining one center in '01, I was cornered.

and back until I was down to 3 units. It is now '02 and I am back to 3 units. So far

what I have a chance to win? LAZARUS

and LAZARUS. Now, you got as good a chance to win as I do over Lazzarus in the next

move!

How about if I were to print the last seasons of 1978IG, which has been wrapped up earlier this issue? So, here we go:

1978IG -- W/98 & S/99

AUSTRIA(Hyatt): Ild A Bud, A Vie,  
F Tri, A Lvn S A Mar-Pru/R Lvn/,  
A Ukr-Mos, A Mar-Pru, A Sil-Mun,  
A Boh & A Tyl S A Sil-Mun, A Pie-  
Bel, A Vie & A Bud & A Rom & A  
Apr H, F Nap S F Aeg-Ion, A Ank-  
Ser, F Bul(sc)-Aeg/Isu/, F Gre I  
/unordered/, F Aeg-Ion, F Tri-Adr

ENGLAND(Zipper): A Pie R Mar, Bld  
A Edi, F Lon, F Tun S F Wes-Tyn,  
F Wes-Tyn, F Spa(sc)-Lyo, F Mid-  
Wes, A Mar-Pie, A Bur & A Ruh S A  
Mun, A Mun H, A Kie S F Pru-Ber,  
F Pru-Ber, A Den-Lvn, F Bal C &  
A StP & A Den-Lvn, A Edi-Den, F Nth  
C & Edi-Den, F Lon-Eng, F Nwy on  
R & R.

Fall 1909 and end of it all

AUSTRIA(Hyatt): A Lvn R War, A War  
S & Mos, A Mos H, A Pru-Ber/a/,  
A Sil S A Boh-Mun, A Tyl S A Boh-  
Mun, A Boh-Mun, A Pie-Mar/R Ven/  
A Vie-Tri, A Bud-Gal, A Rom-Tun,  
A Apr-Rom, F Nap S F Ion-Tyn, A  
Ion-Tyn, A Smy H, F Gre-Ion, F  
Adr S F Gre-Ion

ENGLAND(Zipper): A StP-Mos, A Lvn-  
Pru, F Bal S A Lvn-Pru, A Sen H,  
A Ruh & A Bur S A Mun, A Mun H, A  
Mar-Pie, F Lyo S A Mar-Pie, F Eng-  
Mid, F Wes-Tyn, F Tun S F Wes-Tyn,  
F Tyn-Tus

As for Supply Centers. I don't exactly feel like doing the whole center chart for the fun of it, because only one center passed from Austro-Hungarian to English control anyway -- Berlin. So England has 18 centers, while Ausgria has 16; John Zipper, having won a majority of the supply centers, therefore also wins the game, and congratulations go to all involved, including Fred, who put up an excellent fight. Having had a few "close calls" like that myself, I can appreciate to a certain extent the frustration he must feel. He also has a game-end statement, printed next column.

FRED HYATT (Austria): (Over the phone). Congratulations, John! It was a fun game all the way. As I told you on the phone a few days ago, if Joy had not NMR'd it would have been you and me in a draw as you said you wanted, but I saw a chance to win, gambled, and lost. Cheers, Fred.

((That, folks, is pretty much the entirety of Fred's published articles outside of his variants and his 'zine! Enjoy!))

1976IH -- Fall 1909

ENGLAND(Lischett): F Lon-Eng, F  
Tri S F Lon-Eng, F Nat Mid

GERMANY(Cooper): A Bur R Ruh, A  
Mos-Ukr/R Lvn, OTB/, F Eng-Bel,  
A Edi H, A Ruh & F Nth S F Eng-  
Bel, F Hel-Hol, A Par-Pie, A Mun  
S A Ruh/R Sil, Ber, Kie, OnB/

RUSSIA(Kelly): F Yor-Edi, A Nwy-  
StP, A Swe-Den, A War & A Sev-Mos,  
A Boh S TURKISH A Bur-Mun, A Gal-  
Ukr, F StP(sc)-Potm A Sev-Mos

TURKEY(Verheiden): F Pic S A Bre,  
A Fre S F Pic, F Mid-Eng, F Spa  
(sc)-Por, F Bal-Hol/a/, A Lvn-Mun,  
A Tyl S A Bur-Mun, A Mar-Gas, F  
Wes-Naf, F Tyn-Wes, F Ion-Tyn,  
F Aeg-Ion, A Bul-Ser, A Con-Bul,  
A Tri-Ven

ANKARA: Not nice to attack faithful Turkish ally. The English embassy in Lisbon has been sacked.

Supply Center Chart: ENG: Lvn, Lon, ~~2~~, 2, Ren 1. GER: ~~1/2~~, Kie, Tar, Hol, ~~1/2~~, Edi, ~~1/2~~, Par, Bal, 6, Ren 2. RU: StP, Ser, Bld, Vln, Swe, Nwy, Rum, War, Pop, Don, 10. Bld 1, only room for 1. W. H. Mos. Bul, Gre, Ser, Nap, Mun, Rom, Ven, Tri, Spa, Mar, Bre, ~~1/2~~, Por, 16, Bld 2, as one was cancelled.

There has been another proposal for a concession to Turkey, in which I have absolutely no part! All votes are due with orders. Winter 1909 and Spring 1910 are due February 7, 1930. Separation granted when any one person votes for it, due to the complexities this time around. Remember to vote! No vote = yes.

1979CU -- Spring 1902

AUSTRIA(Fuchs): F Tri-Adr, F Gre-  
Sog, A Vie-Tyl, A Bud-Tri, A Ser  
S A Bud-Tri  
ENGLAND(Gemignani): F Nwg-Nwy, F  
Nth S F Nwg-Nwy, A Yon H  
FRANCE(Collins): F Dre-Eng, F Por-  
Spa(sc), A Spa-Gas, A Par-Bur, A  
Pic-Bel  
GERMANY(Sulsberger): A Ruh-Mun, A  
Ber S A Ruh-Mun, A Pol-Ruh, F Den-  
Bel  
ITALY(Kador): A Mun-Kie, A Ven-  
Tyl, A Rom-Ven, E Nap-Tyn, F Tun H  
RUSSIA(Lee): F StP(nc)-Nwy, F Swe  
S F StP(nc)-Nwy, A Mys-War, A Sev-  
Arm, F Bla S A Sev-Arm, A Bul S A  
Rum, A Rum S A Bul  
TURKEY(Boudon): A Smy-Arm, A Con  
H, F Ank S A Con

Change of Address: Kai-Fu Lee goes  
back to school, but to Room A, not  
the old Room B.

ENGLAND: England offers asylum  
to Serbia League, in North Lands.  
Makes statement territorialism is  
not a way of life, a New Serbia can  
be founded here. Tell Russia, leave  
Norway alone, we will leave Sweden  
alone. Challenges the Bernie Oaklyn  
Hate Society to submit hard proof  
that Bernia is Buddy. Assured the  
Serbians the Society will not be  
given Asylum in New Serbia.

BERLIN: German officials today  
vigorously denied Austrian reports  
that German rats has invaded Tyrol-  
ia. Said one vermin expert, "No  
self-respecting German rat would be  
caught dead eating Italian garbage."  
One official believed the rats were  
probably from Switzerland and that  
the Austrians made a natural mistake  
as the only difference between Swiss  
and German rats is the Swiss rats are  
smaller tipppers.

BUDAPEST (31 March 1902): In a  
joint statement with the Russian  
government, Hungarian officials an-  
nounced the completion of a joint  
military operations against the last  
pocket of Serbian forces near the  
Hungary-Romania border. The opera-  
tion completes the cooperative efforts  
against the Serbians who dress like

Russians, attacked a Hungarian  
militia unit on unarmed tactical  
maneuvers last December.

VIENNA (1 April 1902): The  
sanitation department reported  
that the Italians have failed to  
respond to our demands that they  
clean up their mess that was left  
by the Pope in Tyrolia. The  
Primerib Minister stated that  
official action will be taken in  
order to make "them pigs" pay  
for the cleanup.

ATHENS (17 April 1902): The  
admiral of the 1st Austrian fleet  
announced that all of the ships  
of the fleet will participate in  
the first annual 1st fleet Regg-  
ata to be held next month in the  
Aegean Sea. The Admirals Flag  
Ship is expected to be among the  
leaders at the end of the Race.

Fall 1902 orders due on February  
7, 1930. Phone orders may be called  
in between 7 and 11 p.m. on the  
6th of February, if need be.

1979CU -- Winter 1902

AUSTRIA FORGETS GAME AS PRESS  
LOOKS ABOUT TO SLOW DOWN DRASTICALLY

AUSTRIA(White?): No Removals Re-  
cieved. A Tri & F Alb R OTB,  
Rem A Ser. Has A Gal, A Vie  
(See Rulebook on why A Ser was  
removed.)

ENGLAND(Counselman): Rem F Bar,  
Has F Nth, F Nwg, A Ion

FRANCE(Hollingsworth): Eld A Par.  
Also has A Bel, F Eng, A Ruh,  
A Bur, F Spa(sc)

GERMANY(Cooper): F Fel R Hol,  
Eld A Kie. Also has F Hol, A  
Den, A Mun, A Ser

ITALY(Pfobâ): Eld F Nap. Also  
has A War, A Tri, A StP, F Adr,  
F Ion

RUSSIA(Harding): Eld A Pos. Al-  
so has F Bla, A Rum, A Bul, A  
StP, F Swe, F Nwy

TURKEY(Van Alkenade): Eld A StP  
Also has F Gre, A Bul, A Ank,  
F Con

CONSTANTINOPLE TO RENTON, 1902  
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197900 Propaganda Continued:

is obvious to you, no one else can see at all!

EGGNOG RIGHT BACK: Well, I've had a few years experience to go behind my predictions, too. Once you've played the screwy game for nine years, you begin to see things! And some things have to be credited to Lady Luck as well...

RUSSIA TO AUSTRIA:

There once was a guy named Dave White who thought he was very bright. My my, just look at his plight.

WORLD PRESS INTERNATIONAL: News Flash. The H.M.S. Crap sighted what appears to be a very huge battleship in the North Sea. The H.M.S. Crap was unable to wire any more information because it was flushed by heavy fire from the battleship.

UNITED LONDON PRESS: High Sea Lord Admiral Tudebury announced that the British Navy has sent large naval forces into the North Sea to find out what's there.

No standby will be called for Austria because A) Dave White probably won't drop out, and B) Nobody can possible do the position any good now, much less influence surrounding play any more. So Spring 1903 moves are due here February 7, 1980, with the usual day earlier for phone calls.

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1979IL -- Fall 1901

AUSTRIA(Garter): A Ser S F Alb-Gre  
F Alb-Gie, A Vie-Gal

ENGLAND(Martin): A Edi-Nwy, F Eth  
C A Edi-Nwy, F Nwg-Bar

FRANCE(Lee): A Bur-bel, F Eng S A  
Bur-Bel, A Mar-Spa

GERMANY(Elliott): F Den S FRENCH F  
Eng-Nth/nso/, A Ruh-Hol, A Kie-Mun

ITALY(Luckenbill): A Tyl-Mun, A Apu-  
Tun, F Ion S A Apu-Tun

RUSSIA(Aucott): F Bot-Swe, A War-Gal  
A Ukr-Rum, F Sev-Bla

TURKEY(Hurst): A Bul-Rum, A Arm-Sev,  
F Ank-Bla

Supply Center Chart for 1901: AUS:

Vie, Bud, Tri, Ser, Gri: 5, Bld 2.

ENG: Lon, Lvg, Edi, Nwy: 4, Bld 1.

FR: Par, Mar, Bre, Bel, Spa: 5, Bld

2. GER: Mun, Kie, Ber, Hol, Den:  
5, Bld 2. ITA: Ven, Rom, Nap,  
Tun: 4, Bld 1. RUS: Mos, War,  
SEP, Sev, Swe: 5, Bld 1. TUR:  
Con, Smy, Ank, Bul: 4, Bld 1.

TORONTO TO ORLANDO: Wgo needs sun and 70° temperatures when you can have snow, sleet, ice, and hemorrhoids from sitting on cold car seats. Anyway, we only get whatever snow Buffalo doesn't want.

ISTANBUL: The Sultan Abed-A-Thomas today declared that Turkey joins with Austria-Hungary in her guarantee of the right to self-determination for the Rumanian people. He further stated that his personal bodyguard will be available to help Premier Gheorghierii repulse the Tsarist hordes now poised to invade his country.

-- Turksih News Troika (T.N.T.)

TURKEY TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: There once was a Tsar named Aucott. Who plotted with allies a lot.

Sin's wages he'd earn,

When Turkey he burned,

But a JIHAD was all that he got.

SULTAN ABED-A-THOMAS TO HRH KING  
DICKIE XXIII:

Limericks are easy to do, few  
Just have Mister White send you a /

Then practice and yearn,

For a subject to brun, blue  
And t'will come like abolt from the/

BUD: All free men -- strike the  
Russian fiend! His words are dirt,  
his heart black, his hands drip  
blood. It's him or us. Unite  
against our common enemy!

To: Turkey Tom

From: Your Pal

You are undoubtedly the most despicable Diplomacy player ever hatched in a breed not exactly known for pedigrees. From your gobble which you call logic, to your turkey scratch which you call communication, you are 100% Turkey Tom. Fortunately, this is PBM so we won't have to endure that awful stench! I hope you are satisfied now that everyone trusts that incessant gobbling of yours. I really should give you the B.S. because you are undoubtedly the  
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Sultan of it. There is one thing you forgot Turkey Tom. Turkeys are meant to be eaten, but you are not, Turkey Tom, you will be devoured if not by me at least with my unrelenting assistance!

To: England  
From: REGGIE

It seems that French cooking is all the rage at Buckingham Palace.

To: Turkey  
From: REGGIE

DEPARTO!!!!

To: Russia and Germany:  
From: REGGIE

Let's see who gets the Swedish meatball!

THE ADMIRALTY (LIES): King Richard XIII has soundly denied the existence of a French naval force in the English Channel. Thus, the English Navy is expected to complete its Norwegian recruiting sortie this Fall. Also, to assist the Russians in their "war to the knife" against the terrible Turks, one fleet has been dispatched to the Barents on a lend-lease arrangement. The czar has been reported as ecstatic over the prospect of not having to worry about St. Petes.

Spring 1902 due here February 7, 1980.  
By phone, make that the 6th, 1980.

1979IK -- Winter 1901

AUSTRIA(Bassett): Bld A Tri, A Bud, A Vie. Also has A War, A Ser, F Gre  
ENGLAND(Luckenbill): Bld F Lvp, F Lon. Also has F Bel, A Nwy, F Nth  
FRANCE(Pariseau?): No Removal Rec'd.  
GM Rem F Bre. Has A Pic, A Bur  
(Consult Rules on why F Bre.)  
GERMANY(Palter): Bld A Mun, A Kie.  
Also has F Hol, A Den, A Ruh  
ITALY(Cifani): Bld A Ven, F Nap. Also has A Mar, A Pie, F Tun  
RUSSIA(Russon?): No Removal Rec'd.  
GM Rem F Bot (See Rulebook on that one, too.) Has A Ukr, A Mos, F Sev  
TURKEY(Browner): Bld A Con, F Smy.  
Also has A Rum, F Bla, A Bul

While Nick didn't send in his removal, he did send in press and a resignation, as we see next column:

MOSCOW: Czar resigns! In a touching ceremony in the Imperial Palace this evening, Czar Nicholas III abdicated, due to health reasons. The Czar, well beloved by the people of Russia, had tears in his eyes as he made his final speech to the people around the Kremlin. Said his Imperial Majesty, "...it crushes my heart to leave my people in this time of trouble, but I believe that my successor will be a true War Leader to bring further glory to Russia and her allies." The succession is still in some doubt, but should be resolved within the next few months.

EGGNOG: So it is. Taking over the Russian position will be (drum-roll, 'the envelope please')... Tom Hurst, 4158 Monona Drive, Madison, WI 53716. There will be no replacement assigned to France, as that position would seem to be pretty close to the end anyways. Besides, Pete probably won't drop. He's normally pretty reliable.

LONDON TO PARIS: All is forgiven. Your act of aggression notwithstanding we are prepared to accept your nation or parts of it, into the Commonwealth. We will be there shortly to finalise the plans for your conversion to British Common Law.

POTSDAM TO PARIS: The problem with presuming a bounce is that it does not always work. For example, you presumed that I would be a silly child and go to Bur. This would have left Bur free and given you Mar. However, the way to assure this way is Pic-Bur, A Mar-Bur. You couldn't take Bel anyway, so A Pic-Bel was a wasted move. Also, F Gas-Bre was QUITE stupid. Go F Gas-Spa(no). At worst you break even, at best you gain a build, which turned out to be QUITE dearly needed. Tune in in 302 for your next tactics lesson.

POTSDAM TO LIND: Now that WAS out. Did he throw you the counter or what? What, a retreat to Sil or Pru would have unpleasant consequences. (Cont'd Page 10)

1979IK Propaganda Continued:

POTSDAM TO TRABIZOND: The Rumanian dove was cute. Now all you have to figure out is which of the two promised stabs to execute.

POTSDAM TO RYZAN: I'll presume that you'll remove F Bot as the piece does you no good at all.

POTSDAM TO OSLO: In case you forget or our mail crosses, the move is A Nor-Swe, A Den S A Nor-Swe.

POTSDAM TO MARSEILLE: As you can see I deliver what I promise. Iberia is yours for the taking in 1902 presuming a removal of F Bre. If not it is still probably. Just think, how many 7 center Italys in 08 have you seen before?

MUNICH: Extra, extra - Bavarians Invade Ruhr to loot. English occupy Antwerp.

Spring 1902 due February 7m 1980,  
except for the callers, for which  
is will be the 6th, 1980.

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BITOPALETTERCOLUMN

Eric Verheiden: If you allow perpetual votes, why not perpetual orders?

I only allowed perpetualvotdd in that one case, because it was fairly simple to see what most everyone was going to say, anyway. In most cases, people like to change their votes and positions change, etc. and I can't go digging back to look for old votes. The question of perpetual orders is easier, and I may think about changing the NRS in the future. Well see.

Dennis Sulzberger: Another one of Joe Walsh's campaign promises is to make Cleveland the capital of the universe. (Glenn Frey and Don Henley are still the leaders of the Eagles, or The Long Run would have beared a closer resemblance to But Seriously Folks ((The last Walsh solo album)).

I must disagree. While the Eagles have been phenomenally successful, I believe that their style before they enlisted Walsh was going nowhere fast, and they needed the shot in the

arm that Walsh gave them. The Walsh touch was there on Hotel California ('76), and I believe it's just that Walsh is changing his own style, too, that makes The Long Run a little different. Although, of course, you're absolutely right in that Henley and Frey still control a lot of the band's creative output.

Dick Martin: I love it! More trivial! Being trivial myself, I should be an expert!

After seeing the final show of the recent Who tour, I couldn't help but be amazed. It was probably the finest concert I've ever been to, to energy level was just incredible. I probably sat down for perhaps 10minutes the whole time! Keith Moon's death hasn't hurt the group musically and the tragedy in Cincinnati has not affected them either. No wonder they've gone on for so long! They are tough! Tehir movie Quadrophenia is very interesting, but don't see it expecting another Tommy. Too bad...

The trivia. I don't have the time lately to put together quizzes anymore, so I don't know how long that will last. This issue there is no quiz because of that problem... I don't know yet about next time. Reader interest has always been pretty keen on those things, so maybe, just maybe...

On The Who, they came to Chicago, too, and I wanted to see them so badly...but Milwaukee found out a whole two days after the concert was first announced, and by that time it was already sold out!! Moon's loss is tragic to practical jokers worldwide (there are some great stores around), but musically he was no better than Kenny Jones, the new drummer, who used to be with the Faces in days of yore. The group itself has always been quite excellent, and still is. Even the new album (well not any more it's not new) is an excellent piece of work. Well, thanks for writing.



# The (Shredded) Swallow Contest:

Amelia and Veronika (Mexican-swee-  
-food Var). All unboxed but in ex-  
cellent condition, like I said, nev-  
er been played before.

As for back issues, on hand I have  
SWLABR 3-5, 9. POLITICIAN 1-5.  
STRANGE BREW 10, 19-23, 23. EGGNOG  
11-23, 29-30, 33-34, 38-40. The  
price for these back is 5 issues  
for 20¢ if you buy in lots of 5,  
except for the STRANGE BREW issues  
which are a mere 7¢ apiece, as long  
as you take 5 or more other issues  
off my shelves, too.

## THE NINTH CIRCLE

Unfortunately for many of us, The  
Ninth Circle, Dave Bunke's solid  
and reliable old gamesine, has fold-  
ed, as is announced in his last iss-  
ue. I have offered to take over all  
of his regular games and, in turn  
to turn some of these out to other  
Gamesmasters willing to take or-  
phone. I have complete data on  
all of the games, and Dave will soon  
send me the money to go with the add-  
resses. In the meantime, don't worry,  
as all of the games will be taken ov-  
er shortly. (They will be run in a  
separate magazine from EGGNOG, poss-  
ibly the new and revitalized SWLABR.  
But since SWLABR is already handling  
an outside interest, I'll have to  
dream something new up. We'll see.)

## VOLTERWANDERING

This new 'zine has already been  
faked! At least two #5s have ap-  
peared out, and the first one to ar-  
rive looks suspicious, to say the  
least. One thing is that there is  
no trader code on my address label,  
which is never missing in the real  
thing. Next is the content, which  
is alternately hilarious and stup-  
id. It turns out that Arnett, the  
publisher, allows impossible moves  
because a player has the mortgage  
on his house, he is cutting off all  
trades, nobody, not even a computer,  
could solve his enigma (a monthly  
feature), and so on! About a week af-  
ter a real copy arrived, which was of  
course more sensible. But I should say

that the most incriminating and  
suspicious thing of all was that  
I happen to know where my traders  
live, and Bob Arnett, from 1500  
Waterway Circle, Chesapeake, VA  
23320 (may as well give his add-  
ress, so interested parties can  
contact him) is not going to mail  
his zine from Van Nuys California,  
which is what the postmark would  
have led us to believe! Better  
luck next coup, Faker!!

## STANDBY LIST

So far, we have the following  
names on the standby roster: Bob  
Klige, Eric Verheiden, Phil Coop-  
er, Ron Kelly, Larry Moudon, Ray  
Gifani, Bob Cheek, Peggy Semignani,  
Chris and Jan Luckenbill, Walt Auc-  
ott, Tom Hurst, and John Zipper.  
This list is going down slowly,  
but I'm at least not desperately  
in need of the good guys! Do we  
have anybody else out there that  
wants their names on or off of  
thislist? Sometimes you can get  
into some really decent positions  
by standing by (sometimes not...).  
And for at least half a year, un-  
less you're in an orphan game,  
that's the only way you're going  
to get into an EGGNOG game!

## THE GERMAN LANGUAGE GAME

We now have six people wanting  
to play in this one, since Dan  
Palter said he'd like to give it  
a shot. How about Inge Davis?  
(New count: one person withdrew.  
Damn. We have only 5 now.) So,  
in view of just-discovered wact,  
this game opening is cancelled.  
All game fees collected so far  
will be returned. Tell me if you  
do not get your due with this mes-  
sage, and tell me what I owe you.  
(My bookkeeping when it comes to  
gamefees is a mess.)

## MORE BETTERCOLUMNS, I GUESS

Season's greetings! (Bob Engel)  
Well, I've contacted my church  
winter's cold, thanks to the pre-  
dictably unpredictable Chicago  
weather. Milwaukee's probably

Lettercolumn Continued:

much the same: 0° one day, 50° the next.

Hope the new game starts soon; I'm anxious to hear from some new people, being relatively new to the hobby myself. I've noticed that if a player doesn't know me he's automatically suspicious. So I'm trying to expose myself as soon as possible.

Maybe we'll get in the same game in Sergeant's Journey. That is, if you've entered. I haven't seen your name as a player in any games yet. And I've heard conflicting views concerning your playing philosophy. Anyway, I hope to represent myself respectably....

Weather is miserable ab here, too. But in Chicago, as the saying goes, if you don't like the weather, sit and wait a minute and it'll change. Not so here. It's been 0° or below now for a strait week, and we've got plenty of ice on the streets, and snow, too. First real snowfall was on the 4th, I believe. It looks, then, with temps in the 0-10 zone, with 30-45 mph winds, to me a fairly mild and seasonable winter for us hardened veterans... -- New game starts this issue. See next column. Good luck! -- I'm not playing in Sergeant's journey, which will start as soon as he gets three more people (hint), but my youngest brother will. Good luck there, too! -- My playing style will be the topic of an article in the next issue of ECGNOG, so stay tuned.

For now, you may as well believe all the rotten stuff and chuck the kind, goodly stuff! You'll read about it next time. Thanks for writing.

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All of you have Houserules, I believe. The two players from Illinois, as far as I know, have no prior knowlegde of each others existence. Black Press is allowed and encouraged. Please refer to this game as ECGNOG #12 until we get a Boardman Number for it. And Spring 1901 moves are due February 7, 1980. The rules for phone orders have been printed often enough, but to reiterate, they are accepted only up until the day before the normal deadline; here it's 2/6/80.

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